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CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD OFFICIALLY WELCOMES HOME 1109th TASM-G FROM DEPLOYMENT

HARTFORD, Conn. - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces that 65 members of the 1109th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group will be officially welcomed home in a formal Freedom Salute ceremony at the unit's facility in Groton, **Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

This event, held at 139 Tower Avenue, Groton, Conn., is open to the media beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The 1109th TASM-G deployed to Afghanistan and Kuwait in support of NATO's Resolute Support Mission. There are only four TASM-G's in the nation, and Connecticut's is responsible for providing technical and mechanical support to the rotary-wing assets of 14 states.

During its 11-month deployment, the TASMG was responsible for maintenance and contract oversight that proved crucial, providing supported units with safe, reliable aircraft.

"A Freedom Salute ceremony to officially celebrate a unit's overseas achievements is always made better knowing that these brave men and women will be with their families for the holidays," Maj. Gen. Martin said. "With this, we focus our attention on the nearly 100 Connecticut National Guard Airmen currently deployed, and the 300 that will be joining them in the near future."

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From I-95 North or South: From I-95 North or South Exit 87 (Clarence B. Sharp Highway)/Route 349. Turn left at 2nd stoplight (Rainville Ave). Turn right at the next light (Poquonnock Road). Turn right at next stop light (High Rock Road) and follow until the 1109th Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group Facility is on your right **139 Tower Avenue, Groton, Connecticut.** Contact Major Mike Petersen to coordinate entrance to the facility at 860-524-4857 or michael.t.petersen.mil@mail.mil.